

To: Electoral Area Services Committee

Date: 2025-09-04

From: Deanne Bozek, Protective Services Specialist & Trina Douglas, Manager of Protective Services

Subject: **Chilliwack River Valley Volunteer Fire Department Squad Truck Replacement**

Reviewed by: Stacey Barker, Director of Regional Services/Deputy CAO

Beth Klein, Controller/Deputy CFO

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RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board award Intercontinental Truck Body Inc., the preferred proponent to Request for Proposals #25004, for the purchase of a squad truck for the Chilliwack River Valley Volunteer Fire Department in the amount of \$204,700 plus GST;

AND THAT the Fraser Valley Regional District Board direct staff to prepare for the Board's consideration an amendment to the Fraser Valley Regional District 2025-2029 Capital Financial Plan Bylaw No. 1769, 2025 for the additional funding required.

BACKGROUND

The Chilliwack River Valley Volunteer Fire Department's 1999 Ford squad truck, being 26 years old, has become increasingly unreliable resulting in periods of service outages and an increase in unplanned repair costs. The fire department relies heavily on this vehicle due to its capacity to respond with members, water, and equipment in areas that are challenging to navigate with the primary and secondary fire engines resulting in a reduction in wear and tear reducing damage to the primary fire engines. This apparatus attends as the primary for motor vehicle incidents, first responder calls, and fire calls in the forest service road areas and has the capacity to carry 5 firefighters, water, equipment and the ability to draft water from watercourses. This apparatus also attends for motor vehicle incidents and first responder calls in the entire service area.

DISCUSSION

The Chilliwack River Valley Volunteer Fire Department has spent a great deal of time researching the **type of apparatus that would best suit the area's needs**. Intercontinental Truck Body Inc. has proposed an apparatus that satisfies these requirements and was the most cost-effective submission.

RFP- 25004 was issued and advertised on June 13, 2025. The closing date for RFP-25004 was July 25,

2025, at 4:00 pm PST. Three requests for proposals were submitted for a new apparatus for the Chilliwack River Valley Volunteer Fire Department to the Fraser Valley Regional District.

Intercontinental Truck Body Inc. has provided a work plan to initiate the build of this new apparatus upon award of the proposal, with a delivery date of June 15, 2026.

COST

The purchase price of \$204,700 plus taxes will be funded from the Chilliwack River Valley Volunteer **Fire Department's** service area. \$150,000 was previously allocated to this project in the 2025-2029 Financial Plan through surplus funds. A financial plan amendment is required for the increased cost of this project. There are sufficient funds in savings and this is an eligible Community Works Funds project.

CONCLUSION

The Electoral Area Volunteer Fire Departments are a valuable resource not only to our communities but also to assist in times of a Provincial State of Emergency when additional resources are required throughout the province. The replacement of this aging apparatus will ensure continuity of service in the Chilliwack River Valley Service area.